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## CLAIMS

1. An immediate release compressed pharmaceutical tablet having a first segment that contains a drug or drugs and  
5 also having a score and a second segment, in which:  
a) said second segment either has no detectable amount of a drug or a pharmacologically ineffective amount of a drug and said tablet consists said first segment and said second segment;  
10 or  
b) said score in said first segment extends at least 70% of the distance from a surface of said first segment, towards an interface between said first and second segments, said surface being in a plane which extends over  
15 said score, said distance being measured along a line which is placed at the shortest distance from said plane to the surface of said first segment.
2. An immediate release compressed pharmaceutical tablet  
20 as defined in claim 1 in which the distance is from 70% up to 99.5%, and said second segment has no detectable amount of a drug or a pharmacologically ineffective amount of a drug .
- 25 3. An immediate release compressed pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 2 in which said second segment adjoins a third segment on a face of said second segment, where said face is on an opposite of the interface between said second segment and said first segment.  
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4. An immediate release compressed pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 3 in which said third segment contains the drug or drugs that is or are in said first segment.

5. An immediate release compressed pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 3 in which said third segment contains a different drug or drug from that which is or are contained in said first segment.

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6. An immediate release compressed pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 2 in which said second segment contains a different drug or drugs from that which is or are contained in said first segment.

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7. An immediate release compressed pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 2 in which said second segment contains the same drug or drugs contained in said first segment but the ratio, on a weight to weight basis, of said drug or  
15 drugs to the weight of the segment is greater in said first segment than in said second segment.

8. An immediate release compressed pharmaceutical tablet  
20 as defined in claim 1 in which the D/d ration is between 5-99.5%, and said second segment does not contain any pharmacologically effective drug or drugs.

9. An immediate release compressed pharmaceutical tablet  
25 as defined in claim 8 in which the distance is from 50-99.5%.

10. A method of breaking a pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 which comprises breaking said tablet  
30 through a score in which the distance is no less than 70%..

11. A method of breaking a pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 9 by breaking through said first segment

through said score and also breaking through said second segment.

12. A method of providing a partial dose of a drug  
5 contained in an immediate release compressed  
pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 which comprises  
breaking said tablet through the score in said first  
segment to create a tablette and then administering said  
tablette to a patient in need of treatment thereof.

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13. A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 in which  
said drug or drugs is or are pharmacologically effective in  
the treatment of cardiovascular conditions, psychiatric  
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